

SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

EXHIBIT NO. 2

DATE 1.16.09

BILL NO. SB109

Dear Sen. Hawks,

I strongly support the light pollution bill that you are introducing. Not only will it enhance our ability to see the stars, it will solve a safety problem of drivers being partly blinded by bright lights, such as near Highland Blvd. in Bozeman at the playing field.

Another advantage is that with light-reflecting shields, a higher percentage of the light will be directed where needed. This will allow lower wattage bulbs, saving energy and cost, and reducing air pollution and carbon dioxide emissions at the power plant if the electricity source is a coal-fired plant.

Thank you for introducing this bill, and giving me a chance to testify.

Sincerely,

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